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1. DEPARTMENT AGREEABLE TO SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED PARA ONE REFTEL. WE WILL AWAIT EMBASSY'S RESPONSE REPORTING ON AGENDA DISCUSSION WITH GOT BEFORE GIVING FORMAL APPROVAL THESE AND OTHER CHANGES, BUT WE REMAIN FLEXIBLE AS LONG AS PRINCIPAL OUTLINES SUGGESTED AGENDA CAN BE FOLLOWED.

2. REF PARA TWO REFTEL, DEPARTMENT AND OTHER PARTICIPATING AGENCIES WISH TO PRESENT TUNISIA WITH BROADER RANGE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAPERS THAN EMBASSY SUGGESTS. WE AGREE ORIGINAL LIST

SHOULD BE PARED DOWN, ALTHOUGH PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS BELIEVE EXCHANGE OF PAPERS SHOWN BELOW WILL SERVE TO PREPARE MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD FRAME OF REFERENCE FOR ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED. PARTICIPANTS DO NOT BELIEVE THIS EXCHANGE WILL DETRACT WEIGHT FROM THEIR REMARKS, BUT RATHER CONTRIBUTE TO FOCUSED DISCUSSIONS. PAPERS IN PREPARATION ARE:

- 1.) US-TUNISIAN TRADE - NOW AND IN PROSPECT
- 2.) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS
- 3.) GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES AND TUNISIA
- 4.) OPIC POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT U.S. INVESTMENT IN TUNISIA
- 5.) U.S. CONCESSIONAL ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS
- 6.) SURPLUS FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAMS AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
- 7.) US-TUNISIAN CULTURAL RELATIONS

3. EMBASSY WILL BE SUPPLIED FRENCH TRANSLATIONS ABOVE PAPERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR EARLIEST PRESENTATION TO GOT. WE WILL ALSO MAKE PAPERS AVAILABLE TO TUNISIAN EMBASSY AFTER TRANSMISSION TO US EMBASSY TUNIS. DEPARTMENT WILL WELCOME EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN PAPERS, AS NOTED REFTTEL. KISSINGER

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